



LARC



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President's Message

by Archie Hill W5AG

Two articles in the December QST Magazine caught my attention. The first was about the results for the 2013 Field Day. The second compared the "punch" or mileage you can get from the various operating modes that hams use. During the June 2013 Field Day Acadiana ARA competed in the 2A category which drew the largest number of entries. Our results with 964 QSO's, 34 participants, and 3,208 points, placed us 4th among seven Louisiana clubs participating and well above the median national score in this category of approximately 2,130 points (going by 45 of 90 column-inches of results).

The second article comparing the distance of operating modes to that obtainable with CW (Morse Code), in the form of a ratio of distances, showed that SSB went 1/(5.6) as far, FM 1/4, RTTY 1/(1.6), CW 1/1, PSK31 (2.5)/1, and JT65 12/1. The comparison assumed identical 100 Watt radios and similar antennas on both the sending and receiving ends. I have not yet attempted JT65 at my home station but have had some experience at the VHF/UHF super station of K5QE in Hemphill, TX, participating in VHF multi-multi contests and using a mode similar to JT65 for EME (moon-earth-moon). The distance obtainable with JT65 looks to be well worth the effort required to learn how to use the free software on HF rig set-ups similar to that used with PSK31.

Herman KN5GRK, has helpfully suggested the following additional items:

"It looks like the end of the year is upon us and a new year will begin. The AARA will be changing officers. The Officers Nominating Committee consisting of Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD (Chairman), Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Galen Wilson KF5BET and Paula Romero KF5CNS have been scouting our membership for prospective officers. They will present their slate at the January meeting, the slate will then be published in the February LARC and nominations taken from the floor and elections held at the February meeting and new officers installed at the March meeting held after the AARA Hamfest.

Coming up on March 14th and 15th of next year, the AARA will again hold their Annual Hamfest in Rayne, Louisiana. Things will be a little different this hamfest. Rick Breau N5RLM is having some medical problems that may interfere with him handling the Pre-registrations / Table Assignments and suggested someone else handle the job rather than having to change hands between now and our hamfest. Rick has been doing this for our hamfest for the last 12 years and is looking for a little R&R. We ask that you keep Rick and Joy in your prayers. Galen Wilson KF5BET accepted to fill in for Rick during the 2014 Hamfest. All correspondence pertaining to Pre-registration and Tables should be addressed to Galen. Contact information for Galen will be made known later.

I have been making some changes on the website, updating the Hamfest Flyer, and all the forms associated with our 2014 Hamfest and hopefully by the end of December, the website should be pretty well updated.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP has been pretty busy contacting dealers and overseeing pretty much over our different hamfest committees and from his past experience with our hamfest, has found numerous changes that may be beneficial in drawing a larger attendance.

We lost Wayne Gordon, K5DF who is now a Silent Key, who for many years did a great job as our DXCC, VUCC, and WAS card checker at our hamfest, so we are now searching for a replacement. We have a couple of possibilities in mind and will soon be in contact with them.

I recently talked to Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP about the Tabasco Special Event QSL cards and he reported that about 100 have been sent out and some that sent in SASE's, sent them to the wrong address, as soon as he collects them, they will be mailed out".

AARA Annual Christmas Banquet

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will hold their annual Christmas Banquet at the Golden Corral on Ambassador Cafery on **Thursday December 5th at 6:00 PM**. This will be for members and guests. The club will pick up the tab according to the head count.

When you enter, you will order your drink and tell them you are with the ham radio group and then proceed to the meeting room and sign in. Then serve yourself.

It was agreed a few months ago to do our annual Christmas Party at the Golden Corral in order to give the ladies of the club a break of having to cope with setting up the food, cleaning up afterwards and disposing all the food leftovers. We think that the Golden Corral will have plenty of food and something for everybody. All arrangements have been made.

There will be a very brief business meeting in order for everyone to enjoy themselves and visit.

Also, please note there will not be any VE Testing at this meeting. The next VE Test Session will be 6:00 PM at the January 2nd, 2014 meeting at the Red Cross Building.



**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT
THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th
AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL !**



DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 5th @ 6:00 PM
Golden Corral on Ambassador Caffery

HAMFEST

MARA Annual Christmas Hamfest
(see page 4 column 1)

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

AARA OFFICERS 2013-2014

President - Archie Hill - W5AG
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Vice Pres. - Jess Gillion - KF5LUL

Secretary - Sandy Leblanc - KE5KJF

Treasurer - Joy Breaux - N5YCS

BOARD MEMBERS

Larry LeBlanc - KE5KJD

Glen Thibodeaux - KF5FNP

Nick Romero - KE5MWX

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North Pat Street, Scott, LA

NOVEMBER 2013 AARA MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2013

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA Vice-President Jess Gillion KF5LUL opened the meeting due to President Archie W5AG having prior commitments. Herman KN5GRK gave a prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 20 members and 2 visitors in attendance. Roland L. Broussard KE5MLA wanting to re-activate his membership and Ki Prados visiting.
- Jess Gillion KF5LUL asked members to share their recent experiences with ham radio. Kendra KF5FYS made her 1st HF contact. It was a "School Round-up" in Illinois. Rick N5RLM made a contact to South Korea on RTTY. Larry KE5KJD stated that he has his "off-set" antenna working.

Minutes: The October minutes were not read as they were posted in the November LARC. On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Galen Wilson KF5BET the minutes were accepted as published.

Financial Report: Joy Breaux N5YCS gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Galen Wilson KF5BET, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Old Business: Jess spoke about needing a sign or T-shirts identifying the club members at the check points for the Tour du Teche canoe race or other activities in which we participate.

Jess Gillion KF5LUL, event Chairman, said that all is ready for the Cajun Cup 10K Run on November 9, 2013, in Lafayette.

Pamela Rayburn from the Boy Scouts of America requested members to help teach a Ham Radio Merit Badge course for Boy Scouts on November 23-26, 2013. Archie Hill W5AG and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD volunteered to help with the Radio Merit Badges.

According to the AARA By Laws, Jess Gillion KF5LUL asked for nominations for the Nominating Committee. They will present a Slate of Officers at the January 2, 2014 meeting and published in the February issue of the LARC. Members of the Committee are Larry LeBlanc, Chairman; Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Galen Wilson KF5BET, and Paula Romero KF5CNS.

Hamfest 2014: On motion by Fred Marshall W5MLE, seconded by Greg Dolan K5LFT, the club voted to have the Hamfest on March 14 & 15, 2014.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP was elected Chairman on motion by Paula Romero KF5CNS, seconded by Nick Romero KE5MWX and approved by acclamation.

Paula Romero KF5CNS will be Chairman of the Sweet Shop.

Galen Wilson will be doing Pre-registration and Table assignments.

Weston Hebert KB5WI will be handling the Bingo.

Calvin Begnaud KD5JCT will be ordering the raffle tickets and obtaining Security.

We will be needing people to help set up on Friday, March 14th at 10 a.m.

Christmas Banquet:

The AARA Christmas Party will be December 5th at 6 p.m. at the Golden Corral on Ambassador Caffery in Lafayette. See details on page 1 of this newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary 2013



Shown above left to right: Kendra KF5FYS, Galen KF5BET, Abbi KF5BEW, Tom W5OHJ, Jess KF5LUL, Larry KE5KJD, Ralph WB5GAF, Sandy KE5KJF, Phoebe KC5VRN, and Jess's XYL Brandi.

Cajun Cup 10K Run 2013 Event

by Herman Campbell KN5GRK

On November 9, 2013, members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. took part in the Annual Cajun Cup 10K Run in downtown Lafayette.



Larry and Sandy showed up at 7:00 AM with some coffee and donuts for the group as they have done in the past, the weather was a little nippy as you can see by the jackets worn by the above. Notice the nice "T" shirts!

Jess (Event Chairperson) showed up about 7:15 with the nice "T" shirts for volunteers and gave final directions on who will be stationed where around the runners course.

I happened to be on Jefferson Street in front of the old Federal Building which is not on the new course so I did not get any pictures of the runners. I understand that everything went well, no accidents reported. All volunteers

were invited to food and drinks at the "Parc Sans Souci" Food Courts.

Our "Thanks" go out to all who volunteered.

Boy Scout Winter Camp



Some of the scouts at the early morning assembly and flag raising ceremony.

Boy Scout Winter Camp

By Larry Leblanc KE5KJD

Acadiana Association club members Archie Hill W5AG and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD provided support for the Boy Scout Winter Camp at Mountain Bayou near Ville Platte Louisiana November 22, 23, 24, and 25th. Archie taught two classes for the Radio Merit Badge, one class with 8 scouts and one with 9. Larry provided radio support, setting up antennas and radios.

The classes combined study for the merit badge with wilderness survival because a cold front came in with rain and wind gusts. The scouts took it in stride, but Archie and Larry had to grin and bear it. The food and fellowship with the scouts and staff made it all worth while.

Special thanks goes to the ham community who took time to chat with the scouts.

Archie teaching scouts for merit badge. ➡



Archie making some CW contacts at Boy Scout Winter Camp. Equipment: TS 530S HF unit, a FLEX 1500 SDR, a VHF/UHF handheld, and a Yaesu VHF/UHF transceiver.

Photos by: Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD



MARA Annual Christmas Hamfest

**Sponsored by the Minden
Amateur Radio Association**

Date: December 21, 2013

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Entrance Fee: \$5.00 per person

Location: Minden Civic Center
520 Broadway Street
Minden, LA 71055

Talk-In: 147.300 PL186.2 (NLA
Link System)

VE Testing: All levels 9:00 AM
12:00 Noon

Participating Vendors:

Main Trading Company
Hub City Amateur Radio Sales
Palmetto Antennas, LLC
The SignMan of Baton Rouge

Swap Tables: \$5.00 each

Grand Prizes: To be listed later

Tickets:

Prize tickets for the drawings are available at door or from club members or contact Fran, KD5LKB, or Dusty, N5COL (email addresses on website) and are priced: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Public Contact:

Dusty Collins - N5COL
231 Garrett Drive Dubberly, LA 71024
Phone: 318-422-3159
Email: n5col@att.net

MARA Website:

<http://www.n5rd.org/activity.htm>



33rd Southeast Louisiana ARC Hamfest

FREE Admission - FREE Parking

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2014

Time: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Place: Magnuson Grand Hotel &
Conference Center

(Same Place-New Name)

2000 S. Morrison Blvd.

Hammond, Louisiana 70403

(just off of Exit 28 from I-55)

Talk-in: 147.000 (-600) PL 107.2

Main Prizes:

Grand Prize: Icom IC-7200 HF/6M

Second Prize: Icom V-8000 Mobile

Third Prize: MFJ-259B Analyzer

Fourth Prize: Icom V-80 Sport

Drawing at 1:30 PM

Dealers & Vendors:

Dealers & Vendors

Hub City Amateur Radio Sales

Regal-Brown, Inc.

MCM Computers

Ham World

VE Test Session

(La Veranda Room)

8:30am: Registration Begins

Test Fee \$15 cash, photo ID, copy of license or CSCE

Testing Begins Following Registration

TYRONE BURNS VE Director

n5xes@arrl.net

Hamfest Info at:

<http://www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm>

VE Test Session

November 7, 2013

A VE Test Session was held at 6:00 PM, prior to the November 7th AARA General Meeting.

Greg J. Richard KE5AHD of Maurice, LA upgraded to General Class License.

VE's Examiners present during this session were: Greg Dolan K5LFT, Rick Breaux N5RLM, Mark Saltzman W5GTI, Galen Wilson KF5BET and Tom Dischler W5OHJ.

Thanks for all the good work you guys have done giving these tests.

This was the last VE Test Session of 2013, the next one is on January 2, 2014.

CAPE-2 Launch Cubesat

On November 25, 2013 the C.A.P.E. (Cajun Advanced Picosatellite Experiment) team at UL of L launched a cubesat from Wallops Island off the East Coast of Virginia.

CAPE is a completely nonprofit and student run organization which develops and builds picosatellites along with a host of other aerospace and mission related systems such as weather balloons and sensor buoys.



A video of the launch can be found at: <http://ulcape.org/cape-2-launch-video/>

Back row: Alex Wehmann (KE5KUW), Lance Lasseigne, Alex Lanclos, Caleb Pellerin, Toby Jones, Zack Thevenot (KF5PAN).

Seated: Rizwan Merchant (KF5BNL), Nick Pugh (K5QXJ), Vance Doumit, Louis Courville (KF5JVD), Travis Loftin (KF5PLV).

**Cajun Advanced Picosatellite
Experiment Team at UL of L.**

NOVEMBER 2013 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	3	27	Ø	40	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	49	Ø	92	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	33	Ø	41	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	27	3	61	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	2	21	Ø	25	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

If I have done the public any service, it is due to my patient thought.

- Isaac Newton

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI the net control station for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. This was brought before the membership at the October General Meeting and members agreed. The rotation will start beginning November 2013.

Here is the December schedule.

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
December 2	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
December 9	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
December 16	7:00 PM	147.040	103.5
December 23	7:00 PM	147.820	103.5
December 30	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The November & December schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday_net.pdf



2013 SKYWARN™ Recognition Day

December 7, 2013, from 0000z to 2400z



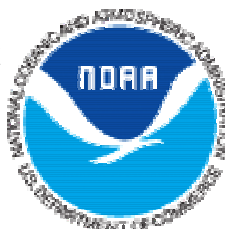
SKYWARN™ Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN™ radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN™ operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world. Numerous National Weather Service stations will be operating on all amateur bands.

Exchange: Call sign, signal report, QTH, and a one or two word description of the weather occurring at your site ("sunny", "partly cloudy", "windy", etc.).

Check out websites for more info:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/skywarn/>

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/>



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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

12/08	ROLAND	NA5Q
12/08	FRED	KE5LP
12/11	PAT	ND5C
12/13	AL	N5WWS
12/15	NICK	KE5MWW
12/21	JIM	N8OVD
12/22	GERARD	KD5VPC
12/22	BUTCH	K5GLD
12/29	DAVID	KC5DPL
1/01	NICK	K5QXJ
1/05	ARCHIE	W5AG

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



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**AARA Annual Christmas
Banquet**
December 5th, 2013 - 6:00 PM

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE

NO VE TESTING TONIGHT - JUST EATING & FELLOWSHIP

Golden Corral on Ambassador Caffery
3110 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy, Lafayette, LA
Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM



Cheesy Hash Brown Casserole
Reprinted from Food Network www.foodnetwork.com

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 2 tbs. Butter | 4 pounds diced frozen hash brown potatoes (2 bags) |
| 2 large green chiles, diced | 2 cups grated sharp Cheddar |
| 2 Jalapenos, finely diced | 2 cups grated Monterey Jack |
| 1 Poblano Chile, diced | 8 slices bacon, fried and chopped |
| 2 onions, diced | salt and ground pepper |

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Melt the butter in a large skillet and saute the chiles and onions until browned, almost blackened. Add the frozen hash browns, some salt and pepper and toss together. Tip into a buttered baking dish and top with the cheese and bacon. Bake until hot and bubbly, about 30 minutes.

Read more at:
<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ree-drummond/cheesy-hash-brown-casserole-recipe/index.html>

Send your favorite recipe to:

Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@lusfiber.net



**FCC Information
Service**

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission,
1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245